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1. FOLLOWING ARE UNEDITED REMARKS BY SECRETARY AT CONCLUSION  
NATO MINISTERIAL FRIDAY, JUNE 15, PRESS CONFERENCE WAS HELD AT  
APPROXIMATELY 12:50 LT.

2. I'M LATE FOR LUNCH ALREADY, BUT I DID WANT TO HAVE THE  
OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH YOU AND I WAS AFRAID THAT IF I WANT TO  
LUNCH, I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO GET BACK. TRADITIONALLY AFTER  
THESE MEETINGS I HAVE MET WITH MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND I AM VERY  
HAPPY TO BE ABLE TO DO IT HERE TODAY.

3. I WOULD JUST LIKE TO MAKE A FEW PRELIMINARY COMMENTS AND THEN  
I'LL ANSWER SOME QUESTIONS. FIRST, I THINK THIS COUNCIL MEETING  
HAS BEEN A VERY SUCCESSFUL ONE. AS YOU KNOW I'M GETTING TO BE AN  
OLD TIMER, AND I THINK THIS IS PROBABLY THE BEST MEETING THAT  
WE'VE HAD. BY THAT I MEAN, THE SPIRIT WAS PARTICULARLY GOOD;  
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THERE WAS REALLY NO ACRIMONY; THE RESOLUTION OF THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE WAS EASILY ACHIEVED; AND I THINK ALL OF US RECOGNIZE CERTAIN IMPORTANT FACTS.

4. FIRST, I THINK THERE WAS A COMPLETE AND ACKNOWLEDGED RECOGNITION OF THE FACT THAT THE ALLIANCE HAS CONTRIBUTED VERY SUBSTANTIALLY TO PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE WORLD. THAT BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN SO SUCCESSFUL, THAT WE HAVE A SPECIAL DUTY NOW AS WE ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS THIS FALL, BOTH IN JULY AND OCTOBER, ON THE CONFERENCE ON EUROPEAN SECURITY AND COOPERATION AND NEGOTIATIONS ON MUTUAL AND BALANCED FORCE REDUCTIONS, THAT WE HAD A SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY TO MAINTAIN THE UNITY AND SOLIDARITY OF THE ALLIANCE, TO RECOGNIZE ITS IMPORTANCE, NEVER LOSE SIGHT OF IT FOR A MOMENT AND BY COMMON RESOLVE MAINTAIN ITS STRENGTH. I THINK THAT WAS ACCOMPLISHED.

5. SECONDLY, I THINK THAT THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT ALTHOUGH THESE NEGOTIATIONS ARE GOING TO BE DIFFICULT IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THERE ARE SO MANY NATIONS INVOLVED AND THERE ARE SO MANY COMPLEX QUESTIONS INVOLVED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS, THAT WE HAVE BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL IN OUR COMMON EFFORT TO APPROACH THESE NEGOTIATIONS IN A UNITED WAY. PREPARATORY TALKS THAT HAVE LED UP TO THE CONFERENCE ON EUROPEAN SECURITY I THINK HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED VERY SATISFACTORILY. THERE WAS A RECOGNITION TO THAT EFFECT BY THE MINISTERS.

6. THIRD, I THINK THERE WAS A VERY POSITIVE RESPONSE TO THE INITIATIVE THAT PRES. NIXON HAS TAKEN ABOUT THE YEAR OF EUROPE. THERE WERE A GREAT MANY STATEMENTS TO THE EFFECT THAT THIS WAS A GOOD TIME TO EXAMINE OUR OBJECTIVES, TO UNDERSCORE THE PRINCIPLES ON WHICH WE AGREE, AND TO RESTATE THEM IN THE LIGHT OF CURRENT REALITIES. I PARTICULARLY APPRECIATE THE ATTITUDE OF THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER. I THOUGHT HIS INTERVENTIONS WERE VERY CONSTRUCTIVE, AND I WAS PLEASED TO NOTICE THAT HE FELT JUST AS I DO ABOUT THE MEETING THAT IT WAS A VERY SUCCESSFUL ONE.

7. WITH THAT PRELIMINARY STATEMENT, I'LL TAKE A FEW QUESTIONS NOW. QUESTION: MR. SECRETARY, ALL WE'VE DONE THEN, IF I UNDERSTAND RIGHT, IS THAT WE'RE GOING TO RESTATE THE PRINCIPLES ON WHICH WE ALREADY AGREE. IS THAT REALLY PROGRESS?

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SECRETARY: NO, I DIDN'T SAY RESTATE THEM, I SAID EXAMINE THE PRINCIPLES THAT ARE ONES THAT WE HAVE TO HAVE IN THE LIGHT OF CURRENT REALITIES. WE WANT TO UNDERTAKE AN EXAMINATION OF THEM, AND IF WE CAN, TO HAVE A DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES WHICH WILL SERVE TO EMPHASIZE OUR COMMON INTERESTS, THE GOALS THAT WE HOLD

IN COMMON, AND EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE RELATIONSHIPS THAT EXIST AMONG US, AND THE RELATIONSHIP THAT EXISTS IN THE ALLIANCE ITSELF.

QUESTION: MR. SECRETARY, WILL THIS NOW GO FORWARD IN THE CONTEXT OF NATO OR IN A BROADER CONTEXT INVOLVING OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AS WELL?

SECRETARY: WELL, IN MY STATEMENT I POINTED OUT THAT WE ARE NOT GOING TO BE HUNG UP ON PROCEDURES. THE IMPORTANT THING IS SUBSTANCE.

NOW WE WILL GO AHEAD WITH AN EXAMINATION OF THESE MATTERS IN THE ALLIANCE, AMONG THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES, BUT NOT NECESSARILY IN AN EXCLUSIVE MANNER. WE' LL HAVE OBVIOUSLY A LOT OF BILATERAL DISCUSSION

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